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LENTIL PRODUCTION UP

10 PERCENT IN 1960

Lentil production in 19 reporting countries was 6.7 million bags in 1960, 10 percent over 1959 and 6 percent above the 1950-54 average. The area harvested of 1.1 million acres was equal to the 1959 figure, but 15 percent over the 1950-54 average.

Production in reporting countries does not represent the world total. Non-reporting countries such as U.S.S.R., India, Pakistan, and Iran would add about 15 million bags for a world total of nearly 22 million bags. It is unofficially estimated that India and Pakistan combined, produce about 8 million bags annually; the U.S.S.R., 6 million bags in 1957; and Iran over 600,000 bags in 1953.

The Americas: Production in the Americas for 1960 was approximately 917,000 bags, up 28 percent from 1959, but 15 percent below the average for 1950-54. Chile was the largest producer in this area in 1960, with 388,000 bags, or 29 percent above 1959 and 58 percent above 1950-54. Argentina's production of 100,000 bags was up 12 percent from 1959, but but down 84 percent from the 1950-54 average. Serious attacks of the "Roya" or rust disease in recent years, have seriously affected lentil production and yield both in Argentina and Chile. Unofficial reports of United States production at about 320,000 bags was 43 percent above 1959 and 318 percent over the 1950-54 average. Lentil acreage for the Americas in 1960 was about 210,000 acres, up 9 percent from 1959 and 46 percent over the 1950-54 average.

Brazil and Mexico together produced approximately 100,000 bags in 1959. Mexico, with 66,000 bags, equaled its 1959 output.

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LETTILS: Acreage and production in specified countries, average 1950-54, annual 1959-60

Continent & country	Acreage		Yield per acre		Production	
	Average 1950-54	1959	Average 1950-54	1959	Average 1950-54	1959
	1,000 acres	1,000 acres			1,000 bags 1/	1,000 bags 1/
Americas:						
Argentina	64	75	995	120	637	90
Brazil	8	5	775	700	62	35
Chile	54	70	456	429	246	300
Mexico	9	10	589	660	53	66
United States ...	10	34	770	662	77	225
Total	145	194	741	369	1,075	716
Europe:						
Austria	1	1	600	700	6	7
France	29	31	662	632	192	196
Greece	36	36	542	556	195	200
Italy	65	67	514	412	334	276
Spain	101	101	429	461	433	466
Yugoslavia	2	4	550	650	11	26
Total	234	240	500	488	1,171	1,171
Middle East:						
Iraq	33	30	412	667	136	200
Jordan	46	61	478	162	220	99
Lebanon	5	6	800	750	40	45
Syria	167	300	602	333	1,007	1,000
Turkey	153	200	906	771	1,387	1,543
Total	404	597	691	484	2,790	2,887
Africa:						
Algeria	83	41	216	469	179	166
Egypt	80	82	1,214	1,290	971	1,058
Morocco	31	30	310	340	96	102
Total	194	153	642	910	1,246	1,326
Grand Total ..	977	1,184	643	518	6,282	6,100
1/ 100-lb. bags. 2/ Office estimate.						

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Europe: In Europe, 6 countries raised 1.4 million bags, 20 percent up from 1959 and the 1950-54 average. Spain was the largest producer with 512,000 bags, up 10 percent from 1959, and 18 percent over the 1950-54 average. Italy, with a 324,000 bag outturn, was up 17 percent from 1959, but down 3 percent under the 1950-54 average.

France produced 274,000 bags, 40 percent over 1959's production and 43 percent up from the 1950-54 average. Greece with 262,000 bags, was up 31 percent from its 1959 output and 34 percent over the 1950-54 average. Yugoslavia and Spain, both smaller producers, had a combined production outturn of less than 30,000 bags.

Middle East: The Middle East with 5 countries reporting, produced 2.8 million bags, about equal to both 1959 and the 1950-54 average. The crop in Turkey, the big producer, totaled 1.8 million bags, up 14 percent from 1959 and 27 percent over 1950-54. Syria, with 697,000 bags, was down 30 percent from 1959 and 1950-54. Syria and Turkey produced 90 percent of the crop produced in the Middle East in 1960.

Production in Iraq is estimated at 150,000 bags, down 25 percent from 1959. Jordan produced 92,000 bags, slightly under 1959's production of 99,000 bags, but 58 percent under the 1950-54 average. Lebanon, a smaller producer, had an outturn of 66,000 bags, up 47 percent from 1959, and 65 percent over 1950-54.

Africa: Production in 3 North African countries totaled 1.5 million bags, up 18 percent from 1959 and 24 percent over the 1950-54 average. Egypt, the largest producer, had a crop of 1.1 million bags and was up 4 percent from 1959 and 13 percent over the 1950-54 average. Algeria's 287,000 bags topped its 1959 production by 120,000 bags and 70 percent. Morocco, with over 150,000 bags, was up 52 percent from 1959, 61 percent above the 1950-54 average.

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